

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 5, please replace "identical" with – similar –

On page 4, line 1, please replace "identical" with – similar –

On page 10, line 21, please replace "identical" with – similar –

IN THE ABSTRACT:

In the first line of the text of the Abstract, please replace "identical panel
loudspeakers" with panel loudspeakers of similar construction –

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Once amended) Flat panel loudspeaker arrangement comprising:

a plurality of [identical] panel loudspeakers of similar construction positioned side-by-side and abutting seamlessly, wherein respective adjacent panel loudspeakers are rigidly connected with one another along respective edges so as to provide a high shear strength.

REMARKS

The Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct a German term that was mistranslated from the German patent application 100 01 410.0, filed January 14, 2000, to which the present application claims priority. The German term "gleichartig" was erroneously translated as "identical" instead with the correct term "similar". The corresponding occurrences in the specification and in claim 1 have been corrected by present amendment. No new matter has been introduced.



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STATEMENT

I, the below-named translator, hereby declare that:

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That I am knowledgeable in the English language and in the language in which the below-identified German-language application was filed, and that I translated the German-language application (German Patent Application 100 01 410.0, filed January 14, 2000) into the English language. The corresponding US application entitled "FLAT PANEL LOUDSPEAKER ARRANGEMENT", Serial Number 09/756,556, was filed on January 8, 2001. I erroneously translated the German term "*gleichartig*" in the description and in the claims as "identical" instead of using the correct term "**similar**".

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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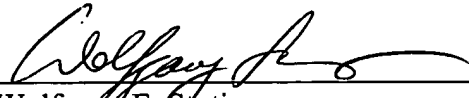
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Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-832-1000 (direct dial: 617-832-1753).

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